

**[FORMAL FOIA APPEAL - USPS OIG FOIA No. 2025-IGFP-00406]**

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**Subject:** FOIA Appeal - Inadequate Response to FOIA Request No. 2025-IGFP-00406

**Date:** 2025-04-03

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To Whom It May Concern:

***This is a formal appeal regarding the U.S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General's response to my FOIA request (2025-IGFP-00406) submitted on March 13, 2025. The response received on April 1, 2025, is wholly inadequate and fails to fulfill your agency's obligation under 5 U.S.C. § 552.***

**Grounds for Appeal:**

**1. Failure to Provide Requested Records:**

The documents provided were merely copies of the original complaint exhibit that I submitted to your agency. The FOIA request explicitly asked for:

- Internal communications
- Status updates
- Names and contact info for investigators
- Notes, logs, emails, and other responsive materials
- Any existing surveillance video

**None of this was provided, and the production of my own submission document as a "response" is not considered adequate disclosure.**

Complaint    **No Case Agent Assigned**    Related Hotline    Supporting Info    Refer Allegation

HL Number: **No Closure or Return Comments**  
Allegation Number: **Referred to Consumer Affairs without investigation**  
Case Agent:  
Assignment Date: 03/14/2025  
Assigned To: Consumer Affairs

AFO Closure Comments:  
AFO Returns Comments:

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2. **Improper Withholding and Omission Without Vaughn Index:**

There was no Vaughn Index provided, despite my specific demand for one in the original request. If no responsive internal materials exist, this raises serious questions about whether the investigation was conducted at all or whether records are being improperly withheld.

3. **Failure to Acknowledge Compelling Need:**

The denial of expedited processing failed to consider that this request directly relates to issues involving potential criminal negligence, mail fraud, and obstruction of justice.

**Requested Relief:** I demand a full and proper search of all systems and departments that may have responsive materials, as well as:

- A new, substantive response disclosing all existing documents
- A complete Vaughn Index for any redacted or withheld records
- Internal review logs or closure justifications for the complaints listed

Please consider this appeal timely and filed within the statutory window. Failure to remedy this denial will result in legal escalation and potential litigation.

Sincerely,

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**CRIMINAL REFERRAL ADDENDUM (UPDATED)**

**To:** Federal Law Enforcement, DOJ Civil Rights Division, USPS OIG, FBI, and Other Relevant Investigative Entities, Commonwealth of Kentucky Attorney's Office

**Subject:** Addendum to Criminal Complaint - Expanded Allegations of Criminal Negligence, Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress, and Ongoing Neuro-Harm

**Re: Housing RICO Scheme, Denial of Essential Services, and Brain Injury Coverup**

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 4 (Misprision of Felony), I am formally updating and expanding my previously submitted criminal referrals to include the following additional charges against the parties identified in prior documents:

- **Attempted Manslaughter** through continued exposure to known toxins and denial of safe housing while engaging in retaliatory eviction actions
- **Criminal Negligence** in response to repeated, documented complaints including systemic medical neglect
- **Torture under CAT** (Convention Against Torture), via deliberate, ongoing exposure to noxious substances and mental torment
- **NIED and IIED:** Negligent and Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress due to targeting, humiliation, gaslighting, and the withholding of life-sustaining care
- **Evidence of Brain Injury (FDG-PET scan)** confirming structural harm related to systemic abuse and obstruction of care

All parties previously named in the original March 14th RICO and organized fraud submission should be considered part of this expanded complaint.

Immediate investigation and criminal prosecution are not only justified, they are essential.

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**ADDENDUM: NIOSH HHE Coordination Notice**

A Health Hazard Evaluation (HHE) has also been requested with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) for an independent assessment of the neurotoxic and environmental risks at Station J-Town. Given the involvement of federally regulated housing and documented systemic exposure, coordination with NIOSH is advised. The complaint includes evidence of:

- Mold, ventilation and air quality violations
- Symptoms of chronic systemic poisoning
- Retaliatory actions against the victim
- Neurological damage confirmed via FDG-PET imaging

NIOSH has been contacted directly and a formal HHE request is being submitted via the online system. I request that your agencies coordinate and request a full transfer or joint handling of this complaint alongside NIOSH under OSHA and CDC jurisdiction, as this rises to a critical public health emergency and ongoing risk to life.

The HHE case documentation will be submitted separately but is directly tied to all matters described in this FOIA appeal and criminal referral.

Respectfully submitted,

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